FORTY-FOURTH YEAR.

Sorely Afflicted Johnstown the Scene of Another Awful Disaster.

HORROR IN AN OPERA HOUSE

The Wild Alarm of Fire Causes a Panic Costing Many Lives.

12 MET INSTANT DEATH.

While Nearly a Hundred Other Unfortunates Suffered Severe Injuries.

CRUSHED IN A NARROW STAIRWAY.

The Tragic Act Which Suddenly Wound Up a Peaceful Uncle Tom's Cabin Entertainment.

WORK OF RECOVERING THE BODIES

Last night, while Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin Company was playing at the newly reopened Opera House in Johnstown, the alarm of fire was raised. A wild panie and a rush for the door Hundreds of persons were crushed in a narrow stairway, with horribly fatal results. Twelve persons were instantly killed and 75 others injured, some seriously. The presence of an excited crowd made the task of recovering the dead and rescuing the injured a very hard one.

PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1

JOHNSTOWN, PA., December 11, 2 A. M. -This city of disasters without parallel has another horror. The dreadful visitation came to-night, and, though its dead and injured victims do not number more than 100, all told, it came upon them with even less of warning or of preparation than the omens that preceded the awful deluge of May 31.

Twelve persons at least were killed and 75 seriously injured as a result of a fire panic at the Johnstown Opera House, which was opened to the public only one short fortnight ago. Stetson's "Unele Tom's Cabin" was the play, and there was a large audience present, considering the very limited means which Johnstown people now find at their command for any kind of amusement pur-

During the performance the cry of fire was raised. To a people among whom any sudden warning might mean so very muchto those who had passed through the flood of rore-this cry was contagious. It spread like wildfire itself, and was on every lip in an instant. Terrified and panie-stricken, the hundreds of people in the andience rushed, over seats, struggling bodies and everything, toward the one means of exit. This, alas! was only a single narrow stairway, and over one another, headleng and otherwise, the frightened people tumbled, regardless of the con-

The Results Deadly Indeed.

That the loss of life and limb must be terible, was easily discovered, long before all the panicky people had got away from the fated place. By 1:45 o'clock A. M., nine dead bodies had been recovered from the wreck of the stairs and auditorium, and dozens upon dozens of the injured had been assisted to doctors' offices and drug stores for relief and restoration.

By 2 A. M. 10 dead bodies had been counted out, and it seemed as if the number might yet swelled-possibly doubled. The long list of injured at this hour had reached 75, and there had been as yet only the most superficial and hasty of searches for either the rescued or the dead.

They Didn't Want to Walt.

The Opera House was wrecked. Fire had not contributed as speedily to this end, indeed, as the panic had. Moreover, for a time there was positive doubt among those who had escaped, whether the alarm had been a false one or a true. They weren't taking any chances on its genuineness, once they became thoroughly alarmed. The rush for life-for that preciousboop of which the wieked waters had so nearly robbed them ail on that fatal May day-was the only controlling motive, now that the fiery element seemed to be upon them.

This much has only been written on the spur of the moment, just as the first anthentic news was passed from mouth to John Ancons, of Reading, Pa., stationery mouth in the multitude that had soon clerk of the House of Representatives, was enthered about the fated spot. Further short in his accounts. The rumor arose particulars follow.

At the performance of Stetson's "Uncle Tom's Cabin's" Company in Old Main Street Opera House (rebuilt), a panic was caused by the alarm of fire being given. The hall was crowded, and in the rush for the only exit, which was reached by narrow stairs, ten persons were instantly crushed to death, and probably 75 were seriously in-

Names of all the killed and wounded can

not be ascertained at present. Among the killed are Mrs. Nester and George Fischhorn, the latter being a resident of Balti-

It was found necessary to turn a stream of water in the crowd, from a fire engine standing near, before the dead and wounded could be taken out. People rushed from the outside up the narrow stairs, and were crushed by the crowd forcing its way to the street.

Another and Later Story.

2:30 A. M .- As the performance of "Uncle Tom" was drawing to a close the fire bell was rung, causing a frantic scramble for the exit. There were 500 or 600 men, women and children in the hall, and, to gain the street, it was necessary to pass down a narrow, walled-up stairease and through a very narrrow door.

Rushing Both Ways. The people from the streets rushed into the door from the outside, and many were crushed before they could be forced out. It was, therefore, necessary to turn the hose on the crowd at the door before the rescuers could get at the dead and wounded.

Twelve Found Dead. When the crowd was driven away the following persons were found dead upon the stairs:

MISS CLARA BURNS. MRS. NESTER. GEORGE HORNER. CHARLES FRANK JOHN CARR. MRS. LISTER. JOHN MILLER. A. WEISS JOHN WYMAN RICHARD WORTHINGTON ISAAC TOLAR.

AN UNKNOWN WOMAN. The Injured. Among the seriously injured were: CHARLES VAUGHN ALBERT OWENS MAN NAMED WEIMER.

There are about 30 others injured: bu their names cannot be ascertained. The alarm was false, and there are many threats against the "unknown" who started

SUDDENLY STRICKEN.

State Superintendent of Instruction Highes Has a Paralytic Stroke That May Prove Fatal-Singular Fatality in the State Departments.

INFECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR. HARRISBURG, December 10,-The emblems of mourning which have draped the massive columns in front of the Capitol buildings for 30 days, in

memory of the late State Treasurer Hart, were removed to-day, and they had scarcely disappeared before news was re ceived of the supposed fatal illness of Prof.

Mifflin station, waiting Hiobes. to take the train East. The fatality in the State Departments has been terrible the past three years. Within that period Auditor General Norris and three clerks who served under him passed away, Messra. Guyger, of Philadelphia, Imbrie, of Beaver, and Storey, of Butler, who died a short time before State Treasurer

In the Treasury Department a son of ex-Speaker Graham and two other employes have died, and a little over a month ago the century, and had not forgotten its hor- Andy Pyne, chief page of the House, suddenly expired. In the Department of Internal Affairs death also claimed one of the

> If Prof. Highee's illness should prove fatal, which seems probable, 11 persons connected with the State Departments will have died in three years.

MYSTERY OF AN INQUEST. A Body Wanted by the Philadelphia Coron

But it Cannot Be Found. PERCIAL TRLEGRAM TO THE DISPAYOR. PHILADELPHIA, December 10 .- The

most mysterious and remarkable case in the annals of the coroner's office will be inquired into to-morrow afternoon, when the coroner will begin a preliminary inquest to discover the whereabouts of the body of Annie McIntosh, a servant 22 years old, who reported to have died peritonitis, on November 21, at the house of Mrs. Ellen Behm. Dr. F. M. Murray, by whom the young woman had been employed as a domestic, will be subjected to a rigid questioning. Mrs. Behm was arrested today on a warrant, and was lodged in Movamensing prison, to insure her appearance at the inquest. Her husband has been subponned as a witness, as was also Dr. Alex-

On November 23 an anonymous letter was received at the Coroner's office, stating that two days before Annie McIntosh had died, and that the cause of death was peritoniti due, the writer believed, to the effects of malpractice. Chief Clerk Dugan, of the Coroner's office, has ascertained that the funeral did not take place. The girl's body has not been located, and Dr. Murray and Mrs. Behm, the Coroner says, have now told almost as many different stories regarding the case as the questions they have been asked. They at first said the body had been buried at Media. When that was proved false, they said she was alive, but refused to disclose her whereabouts.

Coroner Ashbridge said to-night that he believed the body had been secreted or destroyed to hide a crime, and added that

he would bring out some startling at the inquest to-morrow. SPOILING A SENSATION.

A Rumor of Further Shortage at Capital Proves to be Untrue. IFROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.] WASHINGTON, December 10 .- A rumor

went the rounds this morning, and was sent out by correspondents pretty generally, that from the fact that some of the members who have not exhausted the \$125 allowed them for stationery attempted to draw the re-mainder in cash, as they may do under the law, and found it impossible to get any

Mr. Ancona are all right, and that the diffi-culty arose merely from the confusion attending a change of Government in the House, and the red-tape performance necessary before money can be paid in lieu of a balance of undrawn "stationery," under which term is included a little of everything under the san. Mr. Ancona is a son of ex-

SPLIT IN TWO.

A Red-Hot Factional Fight in Clark County, Ohlo-Organization of a Secret Seclety to Relegate Old-Timers to the Rear-

PROTAL TRLEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE. SPRINGFIELD, O., December 10 .- It has ust been discovered that there is in existence in this county (Clark) a secret organization of Republicans whose main object is to depose and relegate to the rear the chronic officeholders who have ruled the party locally for years, and have by their despotism and corrupt modes of campaigning made what was once a strong Republican county almost Democratic. In the late election the Republican majority was cut down over

The organization originated about three conths ago, and was brought about by reason of the efforts of the "gangsters" to rule or ruin. It is well known that General the Republican majority was so great that a nomination was and is yet equivalent to an General Hastings, and that he should have lection. George C. Rawlins and John F. Locke were candidates for the State Senate.

Locke opposed Bushnell, consequently the latter strained every nerve to secure the nomination of Rawlins.

The county was divided over the two candidates and Bushnell and the local poli-The county was divided over the two candidates, and Bushnell and the local politicions working for him succeeded in holding a mass convention, at which to select delegates. This was an innovation, and the country people, who mostly favored Locke, rebelled. There were only about 200 present at the convention, and, of course, Rawlin's delegates were selected. The opposition to this work became more and more intense, and was principally located in Bethel tense, and was principally located in Bethel and Madison townships, the Republican Gibraltars of the county. Then the famous of censure fight at the Urbana convention followed, the floods.

The anti-Bushnellites tried to contest, but had no success. Shortly after this convention was held, clandestine meetings of Republicans in the townships mentioned were held, and the organization was founded which opposes corruption in politics. It is estimated that the organization now has 1,000 members. This week the Young Men's Republican Club, colored, joined the ranks of the organization. Everything, until late, in con-nection with the band, has been conducted very surreptitionaly, but the very size of the organization is such that it is impossible

nger to keep it a secret.

The New Carlisle Sun and the South the New Carissic Sum and the South Charleston Sentinel are the mouthpieces of the League. They have pronounced sen-tence on all the chronic officeholders of the county. Among them are Judge John C. Miller, who has held office consecutively for more than 33 years, and the Baker family, which has for years been in possession of the Sheriff's office. The list of the condemend consists of about 30 persons. In a secondary order are Bushnell, Keifer, ex-Senator Pringle and one or two others. These latter are merely to be relegated to the rear for the present.

70,000 PERSONS

Pass Before the Bier on Which Rests All That is Mortal of Jefferson Davis - Elaborate Arrange-

ments for the Funeral. NEW ORLEANS, December 10 .- Owing to the fact that it was virtually the last day upon which the remains of Jefferson Davis reflection of Public Instruction, who was stricken with paralysis while standtine on the public Instruction of the residency at the Chicago convention. When the Governor was appointed the commanding officer on the occasion of the insuguration he made Hastinga his chief of staff, thus approach to the property of the ole trod the marble corridors of the hall and passed through the beautiful chamber of death. General Jubal Early, Governor Lubbock, of Texas, Bishop Wilmer, of Alabama, General P. M. B. Young, ex-Minister to Russia; ex-Governor Mumford, of Virginia, and General George W. Jones, of Iowa were among distinguished visitors. The school children not only decorated the hools, but came to show their respect to

The city is decorating on a grander scale than ever before in its history. The funeral to-morrow will virtually pass through the solid walls of black, for scarcely a house on the route but which is draped. The prevailing colors are black and white, but in a few instances, like Bishop Galleher's residence and the Masonic Hall royal purple was utilized. Pictures and paintings of the deceased are everywhere displayed. The American flag is at hal mast over the City Hall and other promi-nent buildings. A few Confederate flagare shown, but in a way entirely unobie tionable. One is across the coffin A survivor of the Eighth Louisians

about the only living officer, has the flag he carried draped in front of his office, and over it a sign, "All Over." The arrangements for the raising of a fund for the Davis family have been perfected.

THE BURSTING OF A FLYWHEEL

Injures a Number of Nail Works Employes One Probably Fatally.

INFECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 HARRISBURG, December 10 .- This even ing, shortly before 6 o'clock, a 40-ton flywheel at the Chesapeake nail works, in the lower portion of this city, burst into atoms, and injured about a dozen of the 300 person employed in the establishment, who were either struck by flying fragments or caught in the debris. A man named Fisher received the most serious injuries, and his death is feared. Two other employ es were considerably hurt, but their recov ery is expected. The others injured received cuts and bruises.

One man, dug from under a pile of brick and other rubbish, sustained scarcely a scratch. The building at the point of the accident was badly wrecked, and work in the mill will have to be suspended for eral days.

RECKLESS AND EXTRAVAGANT.

Richard D. Kyle, of Cincinnati, Arrest for the Embezzlement of \$11,000. CINCINNATI, December 10.-Richard D. Kyle, late Vice President of the Anderson-Harris Carriage Company was to-day arrested, charged with embezzlement. A few weeks ago he had a rupture with the company, and embezzlement was then suggested. Kyle paid the company \$20,000 and it was supposed by him that all charges were with-

But the books have meantime been amined and it is now said that his embezzle-ment was nearly \$40,000. The charge in the warrant is \$11,000, embezzled between October 1 and 11. Kyle was given to reckless and extravagant habits of living.

A BOATING PARTY DROWNED.

Prominent Residents of Senttle Have Been Missing Since Thunksgiving. SEATTLE, WASH., December 10 .- Dr. T. T. Minor, a well-known physician and politician, George Morris Haller and Louis Cox, prominent attorneys, are supposed to have been drowned while hunting on the waters of Lower Sound. They left Seattle waters of Lower Sound. They left Scattle Thanksgiving evening and were to have returned home last Wednesday. The boat was found to-day floating in the bay near Whidby Island and also a pair of oars.

The boat is believed to be one belonging to the missing party. The general belief is that the gentlemen endeavored to cross the sound in a small boat, and were expanded.

BEAVER TO BE HEARD

PITTSBURG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER

On the Subject of His Share in the Flood Relief at Johnstown.

HIS DEFENSE AGAINST CRITICISM.

Exact Official Details of Every Move About to be Given Out. THE DISCOVERER OF GEN. HASTINGS

Upon Him. set himself aright in the minds of those States Senate. In this Senatorial district Johnstown flood relief. It is claimed that he was in constant communication with

> TYROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. WASHINGTON, December 10 .- A gentlenan, just arrived from Harrisburg, tells to the details of the management of the organization for relief of the victims of the great floods, and that it may possibly excite widespread comment, on account of the fact that the Governor has suffered a great deal of censure in connection with the affairs of

"You will possibly remember," said the ntleman, "that Adjutant General Hastings earned a good deal of popularity by his constant presence at Johnstown and his command of the relief forces at work there; that he was praised far and near by the correspondents, who in the same breath would contrast the conduct of the Adjutant Gen-eral with that of the Governor, to the disad-vantage and numiliation of the latter.

NOT EXACTLY UNDERSTOOD. "Many wondered at the time that the Adjutant General did not resent these reports at once, which were so prejudicial to the good name of the Governor, as it was known to the friends of both gentlemen that Governor Beaver was in hourly communication with his Adjutant, and that nothing was done without the Governor's direction

"The silence of Hastings gave color to the assumption that he was willing to enhance his own notoriety at the expense of the Gov-ernor's reputation. It is certain that the atter felt keenly the indignities that were heaped upon him, but he bore them in silence, pained and astonished that Hast-ings should apparently consive at and en-courage a flood of telegrams from special correspondents misrepresenting his superior

"The Governor felt the slight the more keenly because he was really the discoverer of Hastings. He appointed him Adjutant General from his own town at a time when he was entirely unknown to the people of the State. He was largely instrumental in having him chosen the orator to put Senator Sherman in nomination for the Presidency at the Chicago convention. When the conspicuous than himself in all the arrangements for the brilliant national pageant. Whether it was at that time that Hastings got the Gubernatorial bee in his bonnet I do not know, but from then until now it has seemed to many of the Governor's friends that the Adjutant General was playing every available eard to enhance his own popularity, no matter at whose expense, and spicuously so in the Johnstown effeir whose terribly tragic features, it would seem, should have deterred anybody from attempting to make political capital or increase personal popularity or notoriety ou

THE FACTS TO SPEAK. "In view of all these things, I am informe by a close friend of the Governor that he has decided in his report to give the exact official details of every movement connected with the flood relief matter and let the facts speak for themselves."

The foregoing statement comes from one of the best known and most reputable residents of Harrisburg, and it is given for just what that fact should make it worth.

DOWN ON DELAMATER

The State Grange Addressed by Husting and Stone-Worthy Master Rhone Maker Some Significant Remarks on the Defeat of a Farmere' Bill.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR. HARRISBURG, December 10 .- The busi ess meeting of the State Grange, this afternoon, was followed by a public meeting in the hall of the House, to-night, at which speeches were made by Adjutant General Hastings and Secretary Stone, candidates for the Republican nomination for Governor, Auditor General McCamant, Captain Brown, Deputy Secretary of Internal Affairs, and Senator Brown, of York, General Hastings spoke largely of the import ance of the National Guard, Secretary Stone and Auditor General McCaman made the State finances their subject, and Deputy Secretary Brown dwelt on statistics in general. Senator Brown's remarks were confined principally to the inequalities of taxation.

HAD TO LEAVE TOWN. Senator Delamater was in the city during the afternoon, and had been tendered an invitation to address the meeting, but he declined to accept, saying that he was obliged to leave town, but some of the prominent Grangers ascribe his failure to appear at the meeting to the fact that he assisted in strangling the bill for the equalization of taxation in committee, after he had promised that it should have fair play.

The meeting of the State Grange to-day was unusually well attended 201 Grangers

being represented. Worthy Master Rhone made his annual address, which showed the made his annual address, which showed the organization of 35 granges the past year and the admission of 2,500 additional members. The detent of the bill to prevent the importation of dressed ments is credited to the "money influence which the cattle syndicate of the West threw into the State to create a sentiment against it." The belief is expressed that a law embodying the principles of the deteated bill will be a sentiment against the principles of the deteated bill will be a sentiment against the sentiment against the sentiment against it. principles of the deteated bill will be urgently demanded by boards of health, and will become a necessity to guard the health of the people of the State against the cupidity of unprincipled corporations and

BEATEN BY MONEY

After referring to the almost unanimous passage of the equalization tax bill by the House, Worthy Master Ebone, in his address, mays of its treatment in the Senate: "It at once encountered a bitter and relentless opposition; all the adroitness and means that aggregated capital could devise were brought to bear against it and defeat it. The ordinary channels of legislation were obstructed and its consideration baffled and delayed."

ing one of the obstructionists, but Worthy Master Rhone says of the revenue commission, created under a resolution offered by the Senator from Crawford: "As an atonement for this bad faith in defeating our tax bill, and amitten with remorse for turning their backs upon it, the opponents agreed to create a commission to revise the revenue laws, and our organization is invited to be represented upon said commission."

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BRICE IS HUSTLING. His Friends Are Confident That He Will be

Makes a Speech Advis-

the Next Senator From Oblo-Ho

ing Harmony. MPECIAL THEROBAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 COLUMBUS, December 10.—Calvin S. Restive Under the Imputations That Have Been Put Brice and a number of those who are interested in his Senatorial candidacy arrived Governor Beaver is reported as preparing in the city this morning and are enthusiastic message or report in which he expects to over the prospects. While Mr. Brice does not have much to say in regard to his can-Bushnell was a candidate for the United | who so sharply criticised him during the | vass his friends say for him that he could be elected by a large majority if the question was leit to the people of the State, and they General Hastings, and that he should have some of the credit lavished on the Adjutant General.

think there is no question as to how the members of the Legislature will vote when the time comes for business.

Brice is at the work with as much vim as

if he were in a great business transaction. He was escorted to the rooms of the Jackson Club, one of the leading Democratic organman, just arrived from Harrisburg, tells izations of the feating Democratic organizations of the State, and was introduced and made a little speech in which he did not refer to his candidacy, but elaborated somewhat on the harmony which exists in which a considerable space will be devoted to the details of the management of the the delegation to St. Louis voted solid for Thurman, He expected that this harmony would continue regardless of any personal ambitions, which might be thwarted. The Jackson Club is in reality a Bryce organization, so far as sentiment is concerned, and will exert quite an influence when the time comes for selecting a Senator.

The persistent attention which Brice is giving to his candidacy is rather overshadowing the efforts made by the other candidates, though it is expected they will be heard from within the next week or two. Several of the Democratic members-elect of

Several of the Democratic members-elect of the Legislature met Brice at his rooms to-night. He will go to the western part of night. He will go to the w the State to-morrow morning.

HARD TO KNOCK HIM OUT. A Determined Uphill Fight Being Waged

General Morgan. PRPECIAL TENEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE. 1 WASHINGTON, December 10 .- Notwithstanding the fight that is being made against the confirmation of General Thomas J. Morgan to be Commissioner of Indian Affairs, he will pull through, unless more damaging charges are made to the committee than have yet been placed on file. Up to date the only charges against Commissioner Morgan relate to his army record. He was court-martialed, but the defense which he has made has convinced the Committee on Indian Affairs that he was more sinned against than sinning, and they appear to be practically satisfied with the answer which

General Morgan has been greatly aided in securing a favorable report upon his nomi-nation by the fact that the Indian Rights Association, the missionaries, and all the other friends of the red man are in favor of

TRUSTS THE GIGANTIC SIN.

Senator Turple Declares They Must Abated as Other Nulsauces. WASHINGTON, December 10 .- Mr. Turpie to-day addressed the Senate on the resoage and generation. They were an iniquious system that honeycombed the whole world of domestic commerce with fraud, falsehood, suspicion, distrust and impurity. The trust was a nuisance, open and notorious; but it could not be grappled with and suppressed as other nuisances, and such legislation as was proposed in the bills inlegislation as was proposed in the bills in-troduced by Mr. Sherman and Mr. George, in conjunction with his own proposition for the confiscation of trust goods, should be

A BATTLE IN AFRICA.

Twenty-Eight Natives Killed by the German Milliary Expedition.

ZANZIBAR, December 10.-The Germani under Lieutenant Schmidt, attacked the Bushiri's on Monday. Bushiri were killed and the others escaped. There is no news to-day from Emin, and this is understood to mean that all goes well. Emin's people have sailed to Mombasa, to await at that point the arrival of the steamer sent by the Khedive to take them through the Red Sea.

The Sultan intends to issue an official proclamation or communication to the faithful generally in praise of the devotion of the Zanzibar who went went with Stan-

THE EPIDEMIC OF INFLUENZA. Mnny More Cases at Paris and a Panic Among the People. Panis, December 10.-The influenza grippe is extending widely throughout this One hundred and thirty employes of the Central Telegraph office are now ill with it. There is a great deal of public alarm about it, much injury and even some small degree of panic due to notions of its possibly being a forerunner of greater evils.

An official medical report report touches specially the case of the large number of yloyes of the Magason du Louore, who have been taken, and says that none of the

PULLED DOWN THE PLAG.

Portugal Will Not Allow the Brazilian En algn in Her Harbors. LISBON, December 10 .- The captain of the Alagons, in accordance with instructions from the Brazilian Government re ceived by cable, hoisted the new Federal flag, whereupon the Maritime Commandant informed him that although Portugal was disposed toward the Brazilian lie he could not permit in the port the presence of any flag not recognized by the Gov-Thereupon the Captain hauled down his colors. He sails for Rio Janeiro to-mofrow.

BISHOP GILMOUR REVERSED.

A Toledo Pastor Whom He Had Deposed Restored by the Hely Sec. INPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] CLEVELAND, O., December 10 .- Information from Rome has been received here to the effect that the Rev. Dr. Quigley, pastor of the Church of St. Francis de Sale ledo, who had been deposed by Bishop Gil-mour, and who on appeal to the Holy See, had been restored to his parish, is on his way home, and will arrive toward the end

AN ERRATIC AUTHOR IN TROUBLE.

The Wife of Edgar F. Saltus Brings a Sult for Diverce. NEW YORK, December 10 .- Mrs. Helen R. Saltus has brought suit for absolute divorce from her husband, Edgar F. Saltus, novelist. They were married in 1883

Two co-respondents, Elsie W. Smith and Fanny Girvan, are mentioned, and infidel-ity is claimed as the ground for divorce.

A FRAUD UNEARTHED

The Life of a Hale and Hearty Man Insured for the Sum of \$5,000.

A CONSUMPTIVE THEN PRODUCED

Whose Corpse is Disguised as the Insured Man, and Then Burled.

THE INSURANCE MONEY IS COLLECTED.

After Which the Fraud is Discovered and the Suilt; Ones Are Indicted.

A peculiar fraud has been literally uning at a country town in his district and noticed on the outskirts of the crowd of auearthed in St. Louis. An attorney is charged with having the life of a hearty man insured for \$5,000 in the name of another man who was dying with consump tion, and when the latter died, putting s wig and false mustache on him, passing him off as the man whose life was insured, and getting the insurance money.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) Sr. Louis, December 10 .- A life in surance fraud that is scarcely paralleled in fiction is now in the hands of a jury in the court. The defendant is Robert Terry, an attorney, and formerly President of the George Washington Council of the United States Benevolent Fraternity. In April, 1888, Charles Ziefle, a consumptive barber, arrived here from Texas for the purpose of siding his sister, Mrs. Dora Schmitt, in collecting a life insurance claim against a local Legion of Honor. Henry Ziefle, a brother, had died and left his insurance to his stepfather. Robert Terry became interested in Charles Ziefle, and pressed his claim. Ziefle's dis-

constitution, and Terry advised that he re-turn to Texas. He took the sick man from the care of his sister, and placed him with Mrs. Herts, at 2660 Franklin ayenue.

ease began to make alarming inroads on his

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After this removal, while Ziefle was dying, Terry presented the application of Charles Ziefle for membership in the George Washington council of the United States Benevolent Association. Dr. Whittaker reported Ziefle was in the best of health and came of a family noted for longevity. A man supposed to be Ziefle was introduced and talked with the members. Ziefle was admitted to membership and insured for \$5,000. Three weeks later the real Zieffe died. The

corpse was then made up, with wigs and false mustache, to resemble the man who had been admitted to the Order. Dr. Whittaker, who pretended he had treated Ziefle in his last illness, also certified to the death from "pneumonia," and identified the dead man as the same he had examined for administration. mission into George Washington council.

The painted and bewigged remnant of Charles Ziefle was buried in Holy Ghost Cemetery. Mrs. Hertz represented hersel as Mrs. Schmitt, Ziefle's sister, and applied for the insurance. The money was over to the conspirators.

THE FRAUD SUSBECTED.

Mrs. Schmitt discovered that her brothe had not returned to Texas, and Terry at last told her that he was dead. He supposed that would settle it, as the record of death and burial was shown, but nothing was said about the insurance. She mistrusted Terry and detarmined to exhume the body. There was ment, as at every place of record there had been, apparently by design, a mistake in the spelling of the name. The burial place was located at last and the body raised. At first Mrs. Schmitt did

not recognize the face. Then the wig slipped off and she recognized the face of her brother. When the mustache was removed the recognition was complete. She traced the body back to the conspirators, discovered the insurance fraud and exposed the man who personated her brother. He proved to be Adolph Weber, a salesman. The duped society then took hold and had the entire gang arrested and indicted. Terry is the first one to face a jury, and the State holds that his conviction is certain.

THE RIGHTS OF MORMONS.

Constitutional Point Under Consideration

in the Supreme Court. WASHINGTON, December 10 .- Argument was continued in the United States Supreme Court to-day in the case of Samuel D. Davis, appellant, against H. G. Beason, Sheriff of Oneida county, Idaho Territory, involving the constitutionality of Territorial laws pro hibiting Mormons from voting. Davis was convicted and sent to jail in 1889 on an indictment for conspiracy, charging him and sundry other persons with having combined to be unlawfully admitted to registration as voters. Davis' unlawful act consisted in any organization practicing the doctrine of plural marriages, when he was in fact a member of the Mormon Church.

The case comes here on application for writ of habeas corpus based on the grounds first, that the facts in the indictment do not constitute a criminal offense under any law of the Territory, and second, that so much of the statutes of the Territory as prohibit members of bodies belonging in plural mar-riages from voting is "a law respecting an establishment of religion" in violation of the first amendment to the Constitution and

WAR ON THE SUGAR TRUSTS. The Kuights of Labor About to Begin Their

Tussle in Earnest,

PHILADELPHIA, December 10. - The Knights of Labor are about to open their variare on the Sugar Trust, and within month expect to fire on it. Since the decision of the New York courts against the legality of the Sugar Trust, certain members of the Executive Board kave been diligently perfecting the plans of what is nothing more nor less a general boyeott on Sugar Trust sugar.

The plan is first to learn what refineries are in the trust, what their brands are and what wholesalers buy, then similar informa-tion as to the non-trust refineries is to be secured, then the Knights, assisted by the Farmers' Alliance and other organization are to notify their retail grocers as to what sugars are trust sugars and what are not, and to assert their de-buying certain brands.

THE GREAT LAND SWINDLE

Three of the Operators Arrested on Charge of Conspiracy. CHICAGO, December 10 .- Bidgood, the cashier of the alleged land swindling firm of Fredericksen & Co., was re-arrested today on an indictment returned by the grand jury against himself and the Fredericksons arging conspiracy. Mr. Cowie, the repri sentative of ex-Governor Rice, of Wiscon sin, also swore out warrants charging one Peter Peterson and Henry Miller with con-

offense being, it is said, that they ignorantly signed their names to blank mortgages for Fredericksen. The man who got them to sign is said to be Bidgeod, the cashier.

HOW A VOTE WAS LOST.

Congressman Has Canliflower Soud Sent to a Constituent for Cobbage-He is now Opposed to the Agricultural Do-

(PROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.) WASHINGTON, December 10,-Represen ative, Enloe, of Tennessee, has announced his intention of endeavoring to put a stop to the distribution of seeds by the Agricul-tural Department. The main cause of his obection to the present practice is perhaps its questionable constitutionality, but there is no doubt that some unfortunate little exexperiences of his own have had something to do with his desire to have the law re pealed. During his canvass for re-election to the present House Mr. Euloe was speak

ditors one man who would not laugh at his jokes nor appreciate his good points. Wondering what he had done to offend this particular constituent, Mr. Enloe soon this particular constituent, Mr. Enloe soon got an opportunity of speaking personally with the discontended individual. Greeting him familiarly, the Congressman asked him what made him look so glum. Already the coldness on the part of the constituent was beginning to thaw out, and he pesponed: "See here; you sent me some seeds, didn't you?"

"Yes," replied the Congressman.

"Cabbage seeds, were not they?" continued the man.

"Yes." was the reply.

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"Yes," was the reply.

"Well, this (producing a fine large head of cauliflower from under his coat), this is the all-fired sort of cabbage that came up from them seeds. Now, that's a pretty way to treat me, who've always supported you for every office you ever run for, ain't it."

Mr. Euloe tried to sooth his constituent's ruffled feelings by Isying the blame on the Department of Agriculture, which he said was an institution not deserving of unlimited confidence in its selections of seeds, but he is afraid that his representations but he is afraid that his representations were of no avail, for he didn't get that man's vote, and he wants to get even the Department.

A WORD PROM THE WOMEN.

Their Industrial League Asks That the Fair Sex be Entrusted With Public Funds. WASHINGTON, December 10. - At a special meeting of the Women's National Industrial League of America, held yesterday, the following preamble and resolution

WHEREAS, The recent embezzlement of a large sum of money by the cashier of the Bergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, as well as previous stealings by other United States disbursing officers while on duty United States disbursing officers while on duty in this city, call for a preventive remedy in the future; and, in view of the many and great temptations which men entrusted with the disbursement of public funds in this city have to contend against, it is the duty of Compress to take such action in the premises as will entirely do away with an opportunity being afforded other good men to go astray; therefore, be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this League, all disbursing agents of the Government in this city should be women. They have in other cities proven their capacity to handle millions of the public money without loss of a dellar, and would certainly do so in Washington. The proximity of Canada, the facility of getting there and the immunity from arrest when once in that country, are sufficient reasons for making it the Mecca of defaulters. Men can enjoy their ill-gotten money in Montreal Quebec or Ontario, as well as if they were living in Now York, Chicago or San Francisco; with women it is otherwise; no temptation is strong enough to induce an American woman to expatriate herself.

CORRA CALLED ON TO SETTLE tary Blaine Says She Must Pay Several Americans Agreed Salaries. PERCHAL TREEGRAM TO THE DISPATORS. WASHINGTON, December 10 .- Several Senators and Representatives have interested themselves in the case of the American citizens who were summarily dismissed the

service of the Corean Government. About two years ago Colonel Cummins, a prominent ex-Confederate officer of Maryland, and Major Dye, who had been Chief of Police of Washington and an offiof the Union army, together several others, were induced to cer of the Union army, together with several others, were induced to enter the service of Corea, for the purpose of training the army of that Government. When they arrived in Corea, instead of being vested with the authority promised they were compelled to authority promised they were compelled to occupy subordinate positions, and were finally dismissed, notwithstanding written contracts to employ them for some two years more at a specified compensation. Senator Cockrell to-day received a letter

cabled the American Minister at Sesul to insist upon the terms of the contracts. AFTER THE BRAIN SURGERY.

from Secretary Blaine, stating that he had

That Little Philadelphian is on the Road to

Evident Recovery. PERSONAL TRANSPORM TO THE DISPARCE. PHILADELPHIA, December 10,-As was confidently anticipated by the surgeons in the information they gave for Sunday night's special telegram to THE DISPATCH, concerning the child whose brain was cut into for the cure of epilepsy, the little patient is yet alive to-night, and shows symptoms of recovery. His temperature had fallen to 98.8, only eight-tenths above normal, and, as far as peril from the operation is concerned, he is believed to be out of danger. Whether the operation has removed the cause of the epileptic attacks can only be conjectured, as some time must elapse—a period of 18 months or two years—before anyone can say positively whether the oper-

DRAWING THE COLOR LINE.

The White Miners of Spring Valley Object to Black Workers,

ation is a success or not.

SPRING VALLEY, ILL., December 10.-Twenty-nine negroes arrived at the Seatonville shaft of the Chicago, Wilmington and Vermillion Coal Company, about five miles from here, yesterday to dig coal. This is the first appearance of negroes as miners in this section. The Beatonville shaft was running all during the strike, the men being paid by the day, but soon after the strike was settled the company established a new basis of pay, which resulted in a material

reduction.

Most of the men quit work, many seeking and obtaining work at this place. The arrival of the negroes has caused a flutter of excitement, as there is a strong feeling against them among the white miners. To-day another invoice of about 50 arrived.

MOTHER AND SON MURDERERS. They Kill Their Landlord as the

of an Alterenties. STOCKTON, CAL., December 10 .- Mrs. city, and her son, aged 15, this morning, fatally shot Robert Renhedy, from whom the premises were leased. Kennedy made the statement that he had an altercation with Mrs. Polsky, when the latter drew a revolver and began shooting. He threw a pitchlork at her, but missed her.

Her first shot took effect in his groin. When she had emptied her revolver she gave it to her son, telling him to reload it and finish Kennedy. After reloading, the boy shot him in the sar. The man cannot rescover. Elma Polsky, who has a ranch near this

THREE CENTS

Death Ends the Career of Oliver

Johnson, the Abolitionist.

LAST OF A LIFE OF EXCITEMENT.

The Editor of Nearly a Score of Newspapers Lays Down His Pen.

ONE WHO STOOD UP FOR PRINCIPLES When the Advocacy of His Bless Meant More Than

Oliver Johnson, the famous Abelitionist who, in the interest of his principles, had been connected with a number of newspapers, died yesterday afternoon, at his daughter's home in Brooklyn, N. Y. He was almost 80 years of age. His career was a

Life to Himself,

varied one. ISPECIAL TRIEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. BROOKLYN, December 10 .- Oliver Johnon, Abolitionist and journalist, died at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at 81 Columbia Heights, where he had been boarding with his daughter Mabel. He contracted a severe cold about five weeks ago, and it developed into acute bronchitis. There was heart trouble and other ailments, and for the past

farm until he was 16 years old when he went to Montpelier and apprenticed himself as a printer in the office of the Watchman. At the close of his apprenticeship in 1829 he went to Boston, and for the two years follow-ing worked as a journeyman printer.

OPPOSED TO UNIVERSALISTS. In 1831 in company with Leonard W.; Kimball Mr. Johnson started the semi-Kimball Mr. Johnson started the semi-monthly paper, Christian Soldier, which strongly opposed the spread of Universalist ideas. In 1833 he sold out his interest in the paper, and became one of William Lloyd Garrison's most enthusiastic disciple Lioyd Garrison's most enthusiastic disciples in the anti-slavery crusade. In the early part of 1832 he actively assisted in the or-ganization of the New England Anti-Slavery Society, which led up two years later to the American Anti-Slavery Society. He became the lecturer and agent of the

latter society.

In 1837 he took editorial charge of the Liberator, and remained in charge until Mr. Garrison returned from England, in 1840.

Two years later he was publishing the Liberator Bell and other anti-slavery papers in Boston, where he also was correspondent of the New York Tribune, then recently established. In 1844 he came to New York and became the assistant of Horace Greeley in the management of the Tribune. He resigned this place after four years, and started the Blackstone Chronicle at Blackstone, Mass. but in six months he abandoned the

enterprise, WITH THE PREE-SOILERS. In 1848 he became Dr. William Elder's associate in the editorial management of the Republic, the organ of the Free-Soilers of Philadelphia. In less than a year he joined Resolved, That we ask Congress to take Philadelphia. In less than a year he jo prompt action in passing a law giving the Hopedale Community, and began ed ioni Christian, the or community, also allying himself with she principal Christian ministry there organized. In 1849 he became editor of the Anti-Slavery Bugle in Salam, O., and in 1851 he resigned this place to become editor of the Pennsylvania Freeman in Philadelphia. In 1833 he joined Sydney Howard Gay in editing the National Anti-Slavery Standard in New York, which was the organ of the American Anti-Slavery Society. Mr. Gay

American Anti-Slavery Society. Mr. Gay retired in 1857, and Mr. Johnson had charge of the paper until the close of the war, 1865. For the five following years he was managing editor of the New York Independent, and in 1871 he became editor of the Weekly Tribune. After Mr. Greeley's death he managed the Christian Union for three years under Henry Ward Beecher. EXPERIENCE AS A WRITTER. In 1876 he purchased the Orange, N. J., Journal, and managed it for three years. He returned to New York, and in January, 1880, published his work on "William Lloyd Garrison and His Times." Lately he

has been doing literary work for the Evening Mr. Johnson was married twice-first to Mary Ann White, daughter of the Rev. Broughton White, of Westmoreland, N.H., in 1832, and in 1873, several years after th death of his first wife, to Jane A. Abbott, the daughter of the Rev. John S. C. Abbott. econd wife died several years ago. One the daughter in whose house he

died, survives him.

MRS. SCOTT-LORD DEAD. A Cloud of Mourning Over the Social Life of the White House-Mrs. Harrison's Slater Drops Asleep Painlessly

-A Sudden Release. (FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.) WASHINGTON, December 10.-The death of Mrs. Scott-Lord, sister to Mrs. Harrison, will throw a cloud of mourning over the social life of the White House this winter. While the sad event will put no check upon the observances which are looked upon as virtually official in their character, such as state and diplomatic dinners, and receptions to officials and the general public, all of these affairs will take on a more somber tone than usual, out of respect to Mrs. Harris who was desply devoted to her sister, and it is probable that Mrs. Harrison will excuse herself from attendance upon some of these

this city at 80'clock this morning. Although not unexpected, her death was sudden, and at the time only her daughters, Mrs. Dim-mock and Mrs. Parker, and her son-in-law, Lieutenant John F. Parker, of the navy, were with her.

were with her.

Mrs. Harrison was with Mrs. Lord until midnight, in company with their father, Dr. Scott, and only half an hour before she expired Major and Mrs. Richard Parker had been sitting with Mrs. Lord, and when they left she was in an apparently painless aleep. It has been known for several days that she

LOST THEIR OVERCOATS.

Two Southern Congressmen Robbed of Their Best Cold-Weather Prionds. IPROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. WASHINGTON, December 10 .- Repre

ative Crisp, of Georgis, and Turpis, of Alabama, were chagrined to-day to discover that their overcosts had been stolen from the cloakroom of the House of Representatives. The House, not being in session, the floor was accessible to all sorts of people, and a thief or thieves deliberately walked into the cloakroom, while members were lounging about in their chairs, promenading behind the screens and smoking and telling stories in the cloakroom, and selected the coats of the stateamen from Georgia and Alabama and walked off with them.

It was suggested that Silcott had returned with the purpose of taking the little he had left the members when he took flight a week